

May 20, 2008

Ms. Catherine Glidden
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20043-0001

RE: *A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of Three Wetland Mitigation Sites for the DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project, Converse County, Wyoming*

Dear Ms. Glidden:

Please find enclosed 1 copy of a final draft archaeological resources inventory and evaluation for the Powder River Basin Project (PRB Project) in Wyoming. This report was prepared by TRC Mariah Associates, Inc., as the final version of the report originally submitted to your office in January 2008, and again in March 2008. Your office submitted the report for distribution to the cooperating parties and Tribes in April 2008 and, after the appropriate review period, the final draft is ready for distribution by your office to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We are therefore sending two copies to Mr. David Bibler at the Louis Berger Group for distribution to the SHPO.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist in your distribution of the report. Please advise Michael Madson (mmadson@hdrinc.com) of the SHPO comments as they become available. We recognize that the Programmatic Agreement stipulations provide the SHPO 60 days for review and concurrence regarding determinations of eligibility. We appreciate any effort your office can make to expedite that process and look forward to the SHPO's comments and finalizing the report and recommendations.

Sincerely,


for

Herb Jones
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Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad

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